

TEMPORARY QUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., FOR GOVERNMENT BOARD, LOUISIANA PURCHASE EXPOSITION, IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN EXHIBITS.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A COPY OF A COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNMENT BOARD OF THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE EXPOSITION SUBMITTING AN ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR RENT OF TEMPORARY QUARTERS IN WASHINGTON FOR CERTAIN EXHIBITS.

JANUARY 23, 1904.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, January 22, 1904.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the favorable consideration of Congress, copy of a communication from the chairman of the United States Government Board, Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis, Mo., of the 16th instant, submitting a proposed amendment to the appropriation of \$100,000, contained in the sundry civil act of March 3, 1903, providing for an agricultural exhibit at said exposition, to enable the Board to rent such workshops and storage and office rooms in the District of Columbia as may be required for temporary use in connection with said exhibits, and requesting that the proposed amendment be included in the urgent deficiency bill.

Respectfully,

L. M. SHAW, *Secretary.*

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BOARD,
LOUISIANA PURCHASE EXPOSITION (St. Louis, 1904),
Washington City, January 16, 1904.

SIR: Referring to the letter of the secretary of this Board, dated December 5, 1903, submitting a draft of proposed remedial legislation to enable the payment of accounts for the rent of workshops and storage office rooms in the District of Columbia from the appropriation, "Government Exhibits, Louisiana Purchase Exposition, St. Louis, Mo.," specific authority for the payment of such accounts being necessary according to a decision of the Comptroller of the Treasury rendered on April 11, 1903, I hereby respectfully bring to your attention the need of further remedial legislation of the same nature.

The sundry civil appropriation act approved March 3, 1903, provided, under the head of "Miscellaneous objects, Treasury Department," an appropriation of \$100,000 for an "Additional Government exhibit" at the exposition, to be made under the direction of the Government Board by the colleges of agriculture and mechanic arts and agricultural experiment stations receiving benefits from the Government.

While no voucher for rental of any building or part of building in the District of Columbia has yet been paid from this appropriation, such an expense has been incurred, it having been absolutely necessary to provide a workshop and wareroom for the collection and preparation of this special exhibit.

The Government Board, therefore, respectfully request that you lay this matter before the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives, for consideration in conjunction with the letter of the secretary of this Board dated December 5, 1903, transmitted by you to the Speaker of the House of Representatives on December 8, 1903, and that legislation on the following lines, of an enabling character and involving no additional appropriation, be included in the first urgent deficiency appropriation bill to be introduced in the present session of the Congress, to wit:

The act of Congress approved March third, nineteen hundred and three, entitled "An act making appropriation for sundry civil expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and four, and for other purposes," is hereby amended by inserting at the end and as a part of the paragraph making an appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars for an additional Government exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, Saint Louis, Missouri, to be made under the direction of the United States Government Board by the colleges of agriculture and mechanic arts and agricultural experiment stations receiving benefits under acts of Congress, the following words: "Provided further, That the said United States Government Board is authorized to rent such workshops and storage and office rooms in the District of Columbia as may be required for temporary use in connection with the preparation and safe-keeping of the said additional Government exhibit." And the accounting officers of the Treasury Department are hereby authorized to allow any reasonable expense heretofore incurred by said Government Board in the rental of workshops and storage and office rooms in the District of Columbia for the purpose named.

Yours, very respectfully,

J. H. BINGHAM, *Chairman.*

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,
Washington City.